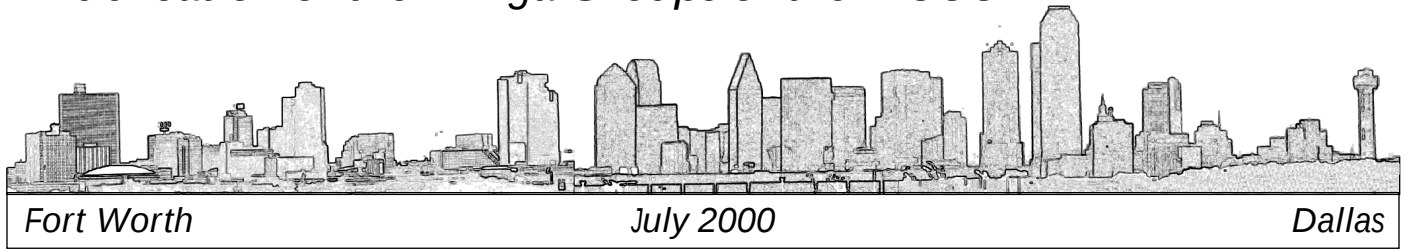


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Email Messages

What are those little faces, anyway?

Have you seen them? The little faces added to messages to add a little extra feeling to the message you see in your email or on newsgroups messages. Some are easy and get used the most, such as the smiley face, :) , and they are recognized for what they are by most. What about the others? Many times I would see them and just plain not be sure what they meant. So here is a list to help you with the more familiar as well as the less used or understood of the clan.

:) = Smile	: - [= Angry
: - O = Surprised	: D = Laughing
% -) = Confused	: - O = Very surprised
: P = Sticking out tongue	: - = Very angry
: - (= Sad	O) = Angel
: 8) = Piggy	: - C = Very sad
: (= Frown	8 - O = Shocked
: - X = Lips Sealed	:) = Wink
< : -) = Dunce	: - = Indifferent
: X = My lips are sealed	: -) = Happy
: - @ = Scream	: - d = Lick lips
: <) = Snobby	: ' -) = Happy with tear
: >) = Nosy	: ' -) = Raised eyebrow
: -) = Happy with wink	B) = Wearing shades
8 -) = Glassed	: - / = Skeptical
: * = Kiss	- O = Yawn
: ~) = Wonder	[:] = Robot

Now go out and try your new vocabulary on someone, and see how it changes your way of communicating with others.

...Johnny C. Kitchens

[Editor's note: Be sure to check out Johnny Kitchens' article on the history of the Amiga on the club web site. There wasn't room for it here, but you'll want to read it.]

Amiga is Back!

to change computing forever, again

Amiga, the creators of Multi-Media computing, have announced the release of their developer kit for Amiga, Linux, and Java developers.

June 3, 2000 — Snoqualmie, WA — Amiga announces the release of the Amiga Software Developers Kit, the first new product to introduce the next generation Amiga platform.

The Amiga Software Developers Kit provides the initial tools and examples for developers to create exciting multi-media content for multiple devices and computing environments. The unique strength of the New Amiga comes from the partnership with the Tao Group in Reading England providing a foundation where developers are able to take advantage of a ubiquitous computing environment.

In 1984 Amiga established what is known today as multi-media. As a result of this, Amiga systems are used around the world by leading film studios, animators, and in mission critical applications. Using this as the foundation, the Amiga is moving forward by creating multi-media for numerous devices and computing environments in the home, in the office and beyond.

The Amiga OS is capable of being self-hosted, and sitting on top of other operating systems. A single application is capable of running on X86, Power PC, M.core, ARM, StrongArm, MIPS, SH3/4, and others. In a hosted environment the new Amiga runs on versions of Linux, Windows 95,98/NT, Windows CE, OS/9, QNX4, and others to be announced.

The new OS also embraces the Java language in a new, powerful and compliant way. The intent Java Technology Edition from Tao is world renowned for its speed and compact execution of Java applications. With the new environment, developers will be able to take advantage of both Java, and portable assembler coding.

"Today we take the first step towards the future", said Bill McEwen President/CEO of Amiga, Inc. "The new Amiga SDK provides an environment where the best developers in the world can build exciting applications that can transcend hardware limitations. Today Amiga developers can be joined by Linux and Java developers in an environment that provides the foundation for the delivery of future content."

"Tao has been talking for some time now about our developments to create Digital Heaven™ and we see Amiga and its community as a fundamental part of the new order that can make it happen and take an industry lead. With the sheer tenacity and the many qualities of McEwen and his Amiga team, the world is going to see Amiga as a Premier Brand for connected digital appliances," said Francis Charig Chairman of the Tao-Group. For the developer, the new SDK creates a single environment that is scalable from handheld devices, such as cell

phones upwards. New versions of the kit later in the year will introduce many new media features. Both the current and future versions will enable compact, high performance and robust media solutions to be used across a broad range of devices using identical binaries.

The New Amiga SDK is available through local retailers for \$99, and from the Amiga web site, Amazon.com and other sources available soon. A version via a Japanese distributor will be announced shortly.

About Amiga:

Amiga Incorporated is dedicated to creating a multimedia operating environment, enabling developers and users to experience a new level of enjoyment. As it was in the early 80's Amiga is ready to introduce the next level of computing.

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July Calendar

- July 10 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — N.Richland Hills Community Ctr.
Loop 820 at Rufe Snow, N.Richland Hills*
- July 10 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
Approx. 10:00 pm — TGI Friday's
Loop 820 & Bedford Euless Road*
- July 20 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — SMU Building
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson*
- July 22 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am*

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